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1. The border police in Thuringia is headed by Inspector of Border Police VOIGT, whose headquarters is located in WEILHAU (M 51/J 57).
2. The following units are subordinate to the Inspector of Border Police in Thuringia:
  - a. Ten border police reserve & training units (Grenzpolizeibereitschaften)
  - b. Ten border police battalions (Grenzpolizeiabteilungen)
  - c. One fully motorized border traffic police unit (Grenzpolizeiverkehrseinheit).
3. a. The Grenzpolizeibereitschaften are quartered in barracks. They are the reserve and training units of the Border Police.
- b. The disposition of the Grenzpolizeibereitschaften is:
  - 1st Border Police Res & Tng Unit in ILMERAU (M 51/J 23)
  - 2d, 3rd and 4th Border Police Res & Tng Units in WEININGEN (M 51/H 82)
  - 5th and 9th Border Police Res & Tng Units in HEDDHAUSEN (M 52/D 12)
  - 6th Border Police Res & Tng Units in EISERACH (L 51/H 76)
  - 7th Border Police Res & Tng Units in GOTHHA (M 51/J 06)
  - 8th Border Police Res & Tng Units (location unknown)

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10th Border Police Res &amp; Tng Units in Sondershausen (M 52/D 11)

- c. The authorized strength of a border police reserve and training unit is 253 police. However, each unit is said to actually consist of 300 police. It is organized into three 100-man platoons.
- d. The border police reserve and training units are said to be armed with light infantry weapons only.
4. a. The locations of 7 out of the 10 border police battalions in Thuringia are known: Worbis (M 52/C 81), Mihla (M 52/H 87), Dermbach (L 51/H 63), Meiningen (M 51/H 82), Hildburghausen (M 51/J 10), Hasenthal (M 51/J 41), Gefell (M 51/O 49).
- b. A border police battalion numbers approximately seven hundred police. Each border police battalion controls three border police sector headquarters (Grenzpolizei-kommandanturen). Each sector headquarters comprises a staff of 30 to 40 police and several border police posts (Grenzpolizei-kommandos) of 10 to 30 police each.
5. The one border traffic police unit of Thuringia is fully motorized and quartered in Jena (M 51/J 66). Its personnel numbers about two hundred and are equipped with 40 BMW motorcycles and 20 cross-country Volkswagen (people's car).

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Comment:

The report indicates that the border police in Thuringia has:

Border police reserve and training unit:	3,000 police
Border police battalions:	7,000 police
Border traffic police unit:	<u>200 police</u>
	10,200 police

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